Every year it seems as if the senior class invents new complaints about their “privileges” are being oppressed by the faculty. This year it’s a whole list including the gravel lot, exam exemptions, and sitting outside for lunch.

The seniors have been whining since day one about the loss of their coveted freedoms, but they haven’t gone anywhere at all. They still have the same rights as the seniors before them have held.

Instead of taking their frustration towards the faculty, they just complain to the junior class as if we stole them away from them.

We did not *steal* your privileges or make them any less special than they currently are now. The faculty tried to do you a favor by moving your whole class to the main lot so you could have a more united class. Would you rather be parked separate from all your friends, or be together with your entire class?

The senior class has always been able to sit outside for lunch, but the growing student body has forced the faculty to allow the junior class to be eligible to do the same thing. Despite senior opinions the junior class, respects this benefit as a senior right and they should not complain that we are taking over their rights. During third lunch you would be lucky to even see one member of the junior class to sit outside.

The most controversy is about exam exemptions.

When exam finals come around, students spend hours studying, feel pressure, and try to pass the hardest test of the semester. But this year the junior may be exempt from the dreaded final exams.

Juniors will now be eligible to skip their last exams if they have an A- average in any class. The seniors however, have always had this rite of exemption by only needing a B- average to be excused from the test.

The current junior class remains ecstatic now that they may also have a chance to relieve the academic weight that every student carries toward the end of the year.

“When my teacher told us about the junior exemptions I was extremely excited,” said junior Nick Russo, “I’m taking three AP classes and another three honors classes. This will really help me when exams role around.”

Some seniors argue that this takes away a special senior privilege that they had to wait three years to finally enjoy. This is right; the seniors will finally have to share their loathed exam exemptions.

Years before the senior class had to do the same thing except share it with the whole school. The faculty changed this policy so that all students would have to have some college experience in taking exams.

But at what cost will they have to give this up? The answer is nothing; however, it will still remain easier for the seniors to acquire these exemptions.

“I don’t know why the seniors are making such a big deal out of this situation. It’s not like they’re losing their exam exemptions and they still get out three weeks before everyone else,” said junior Chris Daly.

Junior year becomes an academic struggle for almost everyone at Charlotte Catholic. These exemptions that juniors now possess will not only act as a privilege, but as an academic motivator. This could give students the work ethic needed to work harder in school during their last semester for the year.

Also an A- is not a tangible grade to obtain for some juniors. While they might try their hardest their best grade could turn up as a B average for the semester.

The seniors are overreacting about this situation that the juniors have fallen into. The class officers didn’t ask for these exemptions nor did the student body. They were given to the juniors by the administration as a much harder task to experience the exemptions.

The seniors should settle down about this topic and let us enjoy our one perk about finally becoming upperclassmen.